the King that he was forced to retire towards Caudebet, where for want of a bridge he resolved to cross over in boats, having gathered together all the boats of Rouen But the weather is so tempestuous that *they* cannot as yet pass many over

On 30th April, the King assembled early in the morning 1000 English, as many Scots and Netherlands, 800 lance-knights, 1500 Switzers, 2000 French shot, 1500 French cuirasbicrt, and as many rutters, causing three small pieces of artillery to march with them The rest were left at their quarter The King gave the leading of 200 cuirassiers and as many rutters and 300 shot to the Baron of Biron, and 1500 French shot to Grihon Sir Roger Williams was appointed to second him with 200 English and 400 Scottish and Netherlands , the Marshal D'Aumont with 300 cuirassiers , the rest of the force remained with the King for their retreat The Baron Biron and the others were commanded to give in to the quarter where the Duke of Parma's horse were lodged, to defeat them, to take spoil of their baggage and burn their quarter , which they accordingly performed But the Baron's overhastmess, entering the quarter with the troops before the rest could come to second him, and the greediness of the soldiers to spoil, hindered the performance of the enterprise and was the occasion that the enemy escaped and that few were killed , and had not Sir Roger Williams with his 200 English withstood the enemy better, the Baron with his companies and the Marshal D'Aumont had been overthrown

But God gave them very good success, for the enemy wanted courage, and our men, forcing the quarter, killed 150, taking the spoils of 500 waggons, and all the baggage, and

brought away 1000 horse of all sorts, and as much spoil as is worth 50,000 crowns at least The rest of the quarter and spoils our men set on fire and then retired without loss The attempt was most desperate and resolved by the King to force the enemy to fight, which nothing could work

The English soldiers in these days are much harried and many disband daily for want of money and victuals

8^ *May* FURTHER REINFORCEMENTS FOR FRANCE,

The Queen upon the present great and urgent occasion determines to have 2000 footmen complete, and 100 horse-